

REMARKS

Applicant has canceled the claims 1, 4, 7 through 11 and 13 and added new claims 14 through 21. Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims would not be rejectable based upon the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

From Applicant's review, it appears that the Examiner is primarily relying upon Foodman et al. to reject Applicant's claims. Applicant has carefully reviewed Foodman et al. and respectfully submits that Foodman et al. relates to a security system and does not relate to monitoring information such as Applicant's invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Foodman et al. does not disclose monitoring information as observed in a dwelling management server, does not define the dwelling management server as a multi-functional communication terminal unit or describes the basic operation of the service server and the visual display information to be sent back to the dwelling management server are introduction information on goods and services.

In particular, Applicant would like to point out that the present invention is characterized by the combination of monitoring information sent from a dwelling management server to a service server and the introduction information on goods and services be sent back from the service server. Therefore, Applicant's invention is characterized in that a customer can timely receive an information service relating to daily living circumstances according to the requirements of the customer living in the dwelling or staying in an office building without having to positively or actively express his will.

In addition to the above, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's invention is further characterized in that the dwelling management server is not only connected to a communication network for out of the house or building but also is connected to an information communication network connected to the house or building so as to monitor the living facilities and equipment provided in the house of the contracted user. As a result, a display screen having a menu is provided for executing a function for remotely controlling the living facilities and equipment and a function for viewing display information sent from an external server via the communication network.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that Foodman et al. merely relates to a security system and specializes in a monitoring of security equipment and does not disclose a dwelling management server in the sense of Applicant's invention.

Still further, Applicant has carefully reviewed Blackie et al. and respectfully submits that Blackie et al. may describe that a user can obtain information on a business environment according to the development of a communication system; however, Applicant respectfully submits that Blackie et al. does not disclose what kind of communication infrastructure is utilized or proposed. Still further, Applicant respectfully submits that as to the service which the customers receive, Blackie et al. only describes energy such as gas, water and electricity.

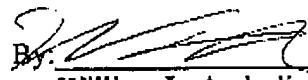
Finally, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the references taken singly or in combination teach monitoring information sent from the dwelling management server to the service server and the introduction information on goods and services sent back from the service server.

Still further, the Examiner suggests that Applicant has not presented a counter-argument on the power information integration distribution board as applied to Applicant's original claim 13. However, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the other references cited teach, suggest or disclose a system combining such a power information integration distribution board and the multi-function communication terminal unit of Applicant's invention as is described above.

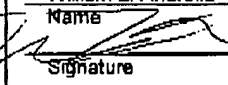
In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to QUINN EMANUEL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 50-4367.

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